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Clarification for Carriers and Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs) About Correction and Recoupment of Payments for Previously Processed Claims

Key Words

Carriers, DMERC, Recoupment, Payment, Claim, CR3772, MM3772, Adjustment

Provider Types Affected

Providers and suppliers who bill Medicare carriers, including Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs)

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is January 1, 2006.
- MM3772 provides clarification of the correction and recoupment of payments for previously processed Medicare claims.
- When a previously processed claim needs to be adjusted, a full claim adjustment must be done regardless of whether Medicare is primary or secondary.
- If money needs to be recouped, the previous payment is negated, and a new payment is recognized if payment is being reduced, and Medicare creates an account receivable in the amount that was overpaid.
- If there is no payment due, the previous payment is reversed, and an account receivable is created in the same amount as that previously paid.

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